



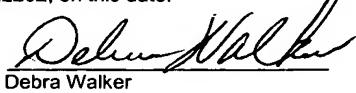
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

16. (New) A bronchial sub-branch obstruction device for reducing the size of a lung comprising an obstructing member dimensioned for insertion into a bronchial sub-branch communicating with a portion of the lung to be reduced in size, the obstructing member having an outer dimension which is so dimensioned

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